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**REAFFIRMATION OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 10-102386, filed in Japan on April 14, 1998.

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